

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT KNOXVILLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No.: 3:15-CR-27

SYLVIA HOFSTETTER,

COURTNEY NEWMAN,

CYNTHIA CLEMONS,

HOLLI WOMACK,

Defendants.

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JURY TRIAL PROCEEDINGS  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE THOMAS A. VARLAN

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1 (Call to Order of the Court)

2 THE COURT: All right. Afternoon everyone. I'm  
3 basically just going to dismiss the jury for the day, so we'll  
4 bring them in for that purpose.

5 (Jury in at 4:25 p.m.)

6 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Please be seated.

7 Hello to our members of the jury. I understand after  
8 today's deliberations, you're ready to call it a day. And some  
9 of you have some places you need to get to. So we'll go do  
10 that. I just wanted to -- I like to call you in and just  
11 officially recess for the day.

12 And just as a reminder, I always remind you -- or I  
13 oftentimes remind you about not discussing the case with others  
14 or among yourselves until you begin deliberations. Well,  
15 you're now ceasing your deliberations until tomorrow morning.

16 So just a reminder not -- from this point forward,  
17 until you pick back up in the morning, don't have any more  
18 discussions or deliberations among yourselves, or obviously any  
19 discussions with anyone else, and not read anything about the  
20 case, et cetera, et cetera.

21 So with that reminder, when you come back tomorrow  
22 morning, we won't reconvene court in the morning. You'll just  
23 congregate in the jury room. But, again, as a reminder, don't  
24 pick back up your deliberations until all 12 of you have  
25 arrived. And then your foreperson can reconvene your

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1 proceedings.

2 So unless there's any questions in that regard, y'all  
3 have a pleasant evening, and we'll see you back here at some  
4 point tomorrow, which is Thursday, January 30th? Thursday,  
5 January 30th.

6 Thank you. The jury is excused for the evening.

7 (Jury out at 4:27 p.m.)

8 THE COURT: Okay. Looks like we have some young  
9 visitors in the audience.

10 (Discussion off the record in the courtroom.)

11 THE COURT: All right. Everybody have a pleasant  
12 evening. And, again, we won't reconvene in the morning, but  
13 we'll just wait for either a question or a verdict and/or a  
14 dismissal at the end of tomorrow. So see y'all tomorrow.

15 MR. BURKS: So it will be the same routine?

16 THE COURT: Yes.

17 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: They decided to take their  
18 lunch at 12:30.

19 MR. BURKS: Do what?

20 THE COURTROOM DEPUTY: They decided that they are  
21 going to take their lunch at 12:30, so you can take your lunch  
22 at 12:30.

23 THE COURT: So if you don't hear from us by around  
24 then, it'll be the afternoon. Okay.

25 (Proceedings recessed at 4:29 p.m.)

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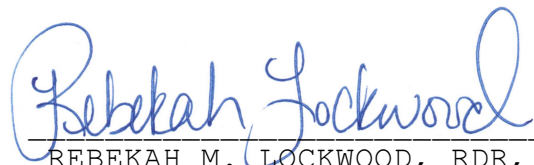
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